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Colombia's limited coal strike continues through its 19th day, with no word on when a resolution will be reached. According to Drummond's president in Colombia the strike has cost the U.S. company over USD 76 million in lost revenue (coal plus some transportation revenue) or about USD 4 million per day. Post estimates approximately 790,000 tons of U.S.-destined coal has been affected by the strike. The strike has also cost the GOC over USD 4 million in lost tax and royalty payments. Separate negotiations continue in Barranquilla between the miners' union and Drummond and Glencore. The GOC is facilitating the negotiations. The parties have not reported progress, however. WOOD